

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application, and have been amended hereby. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 14 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1-12 are allowed. Claims 1-12 have been amended to place them in better form without changing their scope.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 13-15, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended in part to recite that the method is executed by one of a sharing control unit and a concentration control unit.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 13 and 14, and the claim depending therefrom, are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention, and meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 13-15 have been amended to recite that the sharing control unit, the concentration control unit, and the state monitoring device are computers, respectively.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 13-15 are directed to statutory subject matter, and meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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